

## **Bigeye Tuna Overfishing Response Update NMFS Report**

**FMP Amendment:** The SWR hired a recent graduate from the Environmental Sciences and Policy program at Johns Hopkins University who is preparing the draft amendment to the WC HMS to Pacific bigeye tuna overfishing. A draft plan amendment is expected to be available for Council review at the November meeting.

The SWR provided comments on the draft internal copy of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's draft Amendment 14 to the Pelagics Fishery Management Plan entitled "Management Measures for Bigeye Tuna in the Pacific Ocean." The proposed actions include a suite of non-regulatory measures for the international management of bigeye tuna, as well as several data collection initiatives for small-boat pelagic fisheries in Hawaii. Comments centered on management and monitoring, recommendations for research, and WPFMC management protocol for international management of Pacific HMS (WCPO and EPO management measures).